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THREE HERRING CRAFT.

Bring One Frozen and Two Salt Herring Cargoes Here.

Give the Potomac Much Credit for Freeing Them from Ice.

Since yesterday noon three vessels have arrived here from Bay of Islands, N. F., schs. Lucinda I. Lowell and Harry A. Nickerson with salt herring cargoes and the British sch. Eva Jane, chartered by Capt. Frank H. Hall of this port, with a fare of frozen herring, the first cargo of these naturally frozen goods of the season.

The vessels left Bay of Islands a week ago Friday, and had rather dirty weather coming down the gulf, then were three or four days getting by Scattari and fairly drifted home, with summer weather, the rest of the way. All of them, in company with many other vessels, were caught in the ice at the time of the big freeze in Goose and Penguin Arms. They were fast in six-inch ice for several days, and but for the Potomac would have been there up to last Sunday, or even later.

The captains of these crafts say that the Potomac did great work in breaking up the ice and freeing them and their nets and consider it very fortunate that she was there to break them out, for should another cold snap come, instead of the mild spell, and find them still there, the probabilities are that they be there until next spring.

When they left the weather was mild, and the herring, after a great scarcity of two weeks, had struck in very plentiful. These three vessels are the advance guard of a fleet of fully 20 vessels that are now on their way to this and other ports, about all of them with salt herring.

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POTOMAC AT LOUISBURG

Arrival There Causes Much Surprise in This City.

Supposed That She Was To Stay with Fleet to the End.

The United States government tug Potomac was at Louisburg, C. B., yesterday, supposed to be bound home from Bay of Islands.

A Washington despatch of yesterday says: "Secretary Root has been asked to cut the navy tug Potomac or some revenue cutter kept on the west coast of Newfoundland for the relief of any New England fishing vessels that may become icebound. Senator Lodge has been assured that the Potomac will not be ordered away for the present."

It has been the general understanding here that the Potomac was to remain at Bay of Islands until the close of the season, so the receipt of a telegram yesterday stating that she was at Louisburg, C. B., on that day and supposed to be bound home was the occasion of much surprise.

Some little time ago, when it was first learned here that the Potomac was probably to start for home in a short time, action was taken here by interested ones to see if she could not be kept with the fleet at Bay of Islands until the end of the season, the urgent need of her services, should any of the fleet become frozen in, being pointed out. It was especially shown that as the season drew to a close, the need of a boat like the Potomac was more necessary than at any time in the season.

The matter was brought to official attention, and in a few days, as a result, it was understood here that the Potomac was to remain until the end of the season. In accounting for the presence of the craft at Louisburg, C. B., yesterday, it may be that she is not bound home and perhaps is there for coal, or harbored there on the way to North Sydney for a coaling, intending to return to the fleet. If, however, the Potomac is bound home, it is understood that attempts will be made to get in communication with her by the Washington officials.

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STRUCK SOME HALIBUT.

Sch. Arthur D. Story Has Been Out Nine Weeks.

At Portland with Tale of Bad Weather and Dogfish.

The feature of the big fish day at Portland yesterday was the arrival of sch. Arthur D. Story, of this port, after a nine weeks trip to the Banks, Le Havre, Canso, and all the northern fishing grounds. Capt. Sloane and his crew have had the hardest kind of luck and only landed 3500 weight of halibut.

They have been pursued by bad weather and bothered by dog fish almost incessantly. Just as soon as they arrived on the fishing grounds and made their first baiting the dog fish struck in and these rapacious canines of the sea followed them for three weeks. For three weeks more bad weather kept them in the Nova Scotia ports.

On December 13 they ran into a north east storm that drove them 50 miles off their course. Then they came down the coast and lay 13 days in Boothbay waiting for good weather again. For the last 10 days they have been off Le Have and there they caught their trip of halibut.

BIG SCHOOLS OF HERRING.

Newburyport Fishermen Also Make Big Codfish Hauls.

Newburyport fishermen struck it rich yesterday, getting large hauls of codfish at the mouth of the river. The river is full of herring and people who were down on the coal pocket wharf could see large schools of them around the slip. The large whale that was reported inside the whistler Thursday morning, was probably after herring. Old fishermen who saw the schools of fish report that they have never seen them so thick in the Merrimac before.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1265 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1114 bbls. salt herring.
Br. sch. Eva Jane, Bay of Islands, N. F., 600 bbls. frozen herring, 81 bbls. salt herring.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, shore.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Mary Emerson, shore.
Sch. Mary K. Silveira, shore.
Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, LaHave Bank, 75,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mattakesett, shore.
Sch. Emerald, returned.

Today's Fish Market.
These prices are based on the last known sales.

Eastern "halibut" codfish, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$3.25 for small.
Fresh herring \$1.50 per bbl.
Salt dory headline bank cod, \$4.75 per cwt. for large and \$3.75 for medium.
Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and 12 cts. for gray.
Splitting prices of fresh fish; Large Eastern cod, \$1.75; medium do., \$1.25; large Western cod, \$2.62 1-2; medium do., \$1.37 1-2; haddock, \$1.00; cusk, \$1.75; hake, \$1.40; pollock, 95 cts.
Salt headline Georges codfish, \$5.00 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium.
Salt Trawl Georges codfish, \$5.00 for large \$3.50 for medium.
Salt hake, \$2.00.
Salt haddock, \$2.00.
Salt cusk, \$2.25.
Salt pollock, \$1.75.
Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.25 to \$4.50 for large, \$3.37 1-2 to \$3.50 for medium and \$2.00 for snappers.

Vessels Sailed.
Sch. Emerald, haddocking.
Sch. Illinois, haddocking.
Sch. Susan and Mary, haddocking.
Sch. Romance, haddocking.

Boston.
Sch. Reliance, 5000 cod, 1700 hake.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 2500 cod.
Sch. Marguerite, 2000 cod.
Sch. Rob Roy, 30,000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 10,000 pollock.
Sch. Mabel Bryson, 10,000 cod.
Sch. Tecumseh, 8000 cod.
Sch. Muriel, 35,000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 2000 cusk.
Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5, market cod, \$3; hake, \$2 to \$4.50 pollock, \$3.20.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Tacoma was at North Sydney, C. B., last Friday to rest.
A fleet of 11 haddockers was at Portland yesterday with 140,000 pounds of fresh fish. Schs. George H. Lube and Marion E. Turner were the leaders, with 25,000 pounds each.

January 2

WHY NOT LOOK AFTER WHAT BELONGS TO US?

The Alaska seal herd, which in 1874 numbered nearly 5,000,000, had through wanton slaughter been reduced to 1,000,000 in 1891, and today numbers but about 180,000. The Alaska seal, like the American ship in the foreign carrying trade, seems to be a possession that our government is unable to retain, or to provide an adequate policy of protection for. There is even talk of killing off the remaining seals so as to end the controversy of thirty years' standing that has at times almost resulted in hostilities, first with Great Britain, then with Russia, and latterly with Japan. With the price of sealskins today, it seems that there should be some way thought out to protect the herds in their migrations each year for breeding purposes, so that this valuable possession might be saved to our country, if for no other reason than to show that we are able to take care of what belongs to us.

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NEWFOUNDLAND'S FISHERIES

Interesting Figures Regarding 1905 Catch of the Colony.

Consul G. O. Cornelius, of St. John's, N. F., writes that Newfoundland's cod fishery gave employment to 70,000 persons in 1905, during which year 38,037,328 pounds, valued at \$1,205,932, were shipped from Labrador to Europe. That represented about two-thirds of the catch on the Labrador coast, the remainder being brought to Newfoundland for curing. The value of the catch on the Grand Banks and around the shores of the island was \$8,724,260. The herring fishery is conducted chiefly by the United States fishermen, who have treaty rights there. The catch in 1905 amounted to 82,771 barrels, valued at \$130,567. The mineral production of the island in 1905 was valued at \$1,368,293, of which \$1,346,947 value was exported.

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Sch. Effie M. Prior, LeHave Bank, 60,000 pounds fresh fish.
Sch. Paragon, Quero Bank, 12,000 lbs. salt cod, 25,000 lbs. fresh fish, 25,000 lbs. halibut.
Br. sch. Flo F. Meader, Bay of Islands, N. F., full fare of salt herring.
Sch. Lena and Maad, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1200 bbls. salt herring.

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